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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO C/SECSTATE WASHDC 4315

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMCONSUL UDORN

DIA WASHDC

CINCPAF HONOLULU

CINCPACFLT

CDR USSAG 7TH AF NKP

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, PINS, ASEC, LA

SUBJ: SHOOTING INCIDENT INVOLVING EMBOFF

REF: DAO VIENTIANE IR 6 856 0139 75 (071500Z JUN 75)

1. AS NOTED PARA 15 (G) OF DAO MSG UNDER REFERENCE,
EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER (SSO ROBERT P. MYERS, AR.)
WAS INVOLVED IN POTENTIALLY SERIOUS INCIDENT AT

THANALENG FERRY CROSSING NEAR THADEUA ON JUNE 6. FOUR
MIXED POLICE (2 LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT AND 2 VIENTIANE SIDE)
AT A CHECK POINT INSISTED THAT MYERS, WHO WAS IN POSSESSION
OF VALID LAISSEZ-PASSER AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION FOR HIS
VEHICLE, COULD NOT TAKE HIS CAR ACROSS TO THAILAND UNLESS
HE ALSO PRODUCED A DOCUMENT SIGNED BY BOTH SIDES OF MIXED
POLICE. POLICE INSISTED THAT MYERS PUT HIS VEHICLE IN
THEIR COMPOUND. WHEN MYERS QUESTIONED THEIR RIGHT TO
IMPOUND HIS VEHICLE, ONE OF THE VIENTIANE SIDE POLICE
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FIRE ONE M-16 ROUND OVER MYERS' SHOULDER. MYERS WAS

UNHURT AND, UNDER PROTEST, LEFT HIS CD-PLATE VEHICLE IN
POLICE CUSTODY. HE RETURNED TO VIENTIANE BY TAXI.

2. IN VIENTIANE, MYERS ADDRESSED HIMSELF PERSONALLY TO
THE LPF CHEF DE CABINET AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SOUBANH
SRITHIRATH; HE PROTESTED THIS FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF HIS
DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY, AS WELL AS THE UNWARRANTED
HARASSMENT INVOLVED, INCLUDING HIS BEING SHOT AT. SOUBANH
ADMITTED THAT AN ERROR HAD BEEN MADE AND QUICKLY HAD A
LETTER PREPARED WHICH RESULTED IN THE VEHICLE'S BEING
RELEASED FOR RETURN TO VIENTIANE THE SAME EVENING.

3. WE SHALL SEND A NOTE OF PROTEST TO THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
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